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## **INQUIRY INTO ROAD TOLLING REGIMES**

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To Whom It May Concern,

The tolls and privatised roads that have been instituted across Sydney, while fantastic for road congestion and transporting goods more efficiently, are disadvantaging working people from outer Suburbs and adjacent cities like the Central Coast.

Taking tolls into consideration, I delayed pursuing a job in Sydney that would have progressed my career, opened greater opportunities and career fulfilment. I have now accepted a position working near the city which involves having to commute by car. I have two choices when I commute- take new toll roads which would cost \$50 every day, or more than \$500/week, or travel for an extra hour every day on crowded roads and still pay around \$10/day in tolls. Even though I am being paid more than my previous job, I am still financially and time disadvantaged due to paying so much to commute to work.

The toll and privatised roads are grossly unfair, and have a greater effect on people with lower incomes, are barriers to essential workers taking needed jobs in the city, and are also barriers to people accessing lower cost housing further away from city centres.

It would make more sense and be fairer to implement road user tariffs that charge all motorists for using city roads, while using funds from this to improve and expand public transport so it would make it easier and faster to commute from outer areas by cheap and efficient public transport modes- currently it is a far inferior option to rely on the dated public transport from the Central Coast, as it would increase commuting time for myself and many others. A fairer toll/tariff system could overcome these barriers.